

The Mail Ego

By Terrence O'Flaherty

"How can the Las Vegas hotels continue to pay the increasingly outlandish salaries to entertainers?"

Gambling profits are gigantic enough to pay any price for big name stars. But even so, other inducements are now being added. The Riviera is not only ready to pay Dean Martin's \$100,000 weekly salary in April but is reported to be making him an officer of the hotel with a percentage of the hotel profits. The record bid to date is the one made by International Hotel for four week's worth of Barbara Streisand's services: \$1 million in cash plus stock in the hotel. If this keeps up, there'll soon be nothing else to offer them but honorary membership in the Mafia.

"Is Hugh Hefner, the editor of Playboy, married?"

No. In his position who needs it?

"I saw Truman Capote on the David Susskind Show and was surprised at his squeaky voice. Does he always talk that way?"

Yes, but what he's saying is more important. His voice and his words have fascinated everyone he has ever met — from Britain's Queen Mother to TV's Father Susskind.

"Most Americans had no knowledge of the inside of the White House until Mrs. Kennedy took us on her famous TV tour. Mrs. Johnson has made at least three major network appearances. Do you suppose Mrs. Nixon will continue the tradition?"

The New First Lady has shown very little interest in television so far. At the GOP Convention in Miami she declined all TV invitations, as did Mrs. Nelson Rockefeller. The only major Republican lady to consent to appear on TV was Mrs. Reagan, possibly because she was formerly an actress and knows the value of such appearances. However, Mrs. Nixon may surprise us all. She DID have her hair lightened recently — and that may be an indication of things to come.

"What can ever replace 'Peyton Place' for excitement when it goes off the air this summer?"

Plenty. Twentieth Century Fox is considering a TV version of its movie "The Chapman Report." Then, there's always the Kinsey Report on the sex life of the Fifties, which provided Americans with the first substantial evidence that Queen Victoria was dead.

"At the movies and on TV why are we forced to sit through long lists of names of minor participants — like cameramen and film editors? On the front page of books, publishers don't list the name of the man who bound it, decorated it, and delivered it. Who cares about anyone else in a movie but the actors?"

Making a movie is more of a group effort than anything else.

Boy Hurt As Cars Collide

A Lawndale youth landed in the hospital with lacerations on his forehead and scalp Saturday when the car in which he was a passenger slammed into a parked car on Bailey Avenue.

Taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital for treatment was Robert Cano Jr., 16, of 4450 W. 154th St., Lawndale.

The car driven by Joseph M. Campos, 17, of 18214 Avis Ave., sustained total front end damage. Campos told police he took his eyes off the road to look for a particular house when the accident occurred.

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Remodeling Helps To Prevent Slums

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Remodeling dwellings and rejuvenating them is beginning to swell as the wave of the future for solving some of the housing problems of urban America. There are rumbles in government, both state and national, indicating a movement shaping to explore tax incentives to owners who rejuvenate older housing. Several federal programs under the National Housing Act already offer financing help for nonprofit groups who want to rehabilitate existing housing and sell it at below market interest rates. Specifically, these federal programs are under Section 221, h, d, 3.

Garden Checklist

1. Roses should be arriving soon in bare root form at most nurseries. But only the No. 1 grade stock — those with at least three sturdy canes (branches) and a good heavy root system.
2. Chrysanthemums should be cut back to the ground if you haven't done so already.
3. Early Gladiolus bulbs can go in soon. Set out some every few weeks for continued bloom.
4. Christmas gift plants should be carefully watered. They can be saved for the garden.
5. Heather is showing lovely color. If you want a few sprays for the house, shape-up the plant as you cut—but don't take too much.

